

What Are The Differences? (Part 2)

"Understanding Roman Catholicism", Part 3 of 3
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"Speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ." (Ephesians 4:15, NIV)

A Comparison Of Where Roman Catholicism And The Bible Differ

1) Prayer: OFFERED UP TO MARY & DECEASED SAINTS FOR HELP.

"Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say: 'Father, hallowed be your name.'" (Luke 11:1-2, NIV)

"Jesus said to him, 'Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'" (Matthew 4:10, NIV)

"Let no one be found among you who... consults the dead." (Deut. 18:10-11, NIV)

"For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus." (1 Timothy 2:5, NIV)

2) Christ's Cross: ESSENTIAL BUT NOT ENOUGH FOR SALVATION.

(Believing that we need other mediation besides what Christ did on the Cross).

a) Sacraments:

(baptism, confirmation, eucharist, penance, anointing the sick, holy orders, marriage)

"A man is not justified by observing the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by observing the law, because by observing the law no one will be justified." (Galatians 2:16, NIV)

"So the law was put in charge to lead us to Christ that we might be justified by faith. Now that faith has come, we are no longer under the supervision of the law." (Galatians 3:24-25, NIV)

"He saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy." (Titus 3:5a, NIV)

b) Indulgences:

"No man can redeem the life of another or give to God a ransom for him... no payment is ever enough." (Psalm 49:7-8, NIV)

c) The Mass:

"So Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many..." (Hebrews 9:28a, NIV)

d) Mary:

"Among those born of women there has not risen anyone greater than John the Baptist." (Matthew 11:11a, NIV)

"Mary said, '...my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.'" (Luke 1:47, NIV)

"While Jesus was still talking to the crowd, his mother and brothers stood outside, wanting to speak to him. Someone told him, 'Your mother and brothers are standing outside, wanting to speak to you.' He replied to him, 'Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?' Pointing to his disciples, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers. For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother.'" (Matthew 12:46-50, NIV)

"As Jesus was saying these things, a woman in the crowd called out, 'Blessed is the mother who gave you birth and nursed you.' He replied, 'Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it.'" (Luke 11:27-28, NIV)

"Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved." (Acts 4:12, NIV)

e) Purgatory:

"You can enter God's kingdom only through the narrow gate. The highway to hell is broad, and its gate is wide for the many who choose the easy way. But the gateway to life is small, and the road narrow, and only a few ever find it." (Matthew 7:13-14, NLT)

"Man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment." (Hebrews 9:27, NIV)

3) Heaven: SALVATION IS BY GOD'S GRACE & RC GOOD WORKS.

"I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile. For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: 'The righteous will live by faith.'" (Romans 1:16-17, NIV)

"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith— and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast." (Ephesians 2:8-9, NIV)

"I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life. This is the confidence we have in approaching God." (1 John 5:13-14a, NIV)